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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO
APRIL 17, 2002 OFFICE ACTION AND
PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Communication is submitted in response to the April 17, 2002 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the April 17, 2002 Office Action was originally due July 17, 2002. Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time for responding. The required fee for a one-month extension of time for a small entity is FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$55.00), and a check for this amount is enclosed herewith. Applicant has previously established small entity status. Therefore, a response to the April 17, 2002 Office Action is now due August 17, 2002. However, since August 17, 2002 is a falls on a Saturday, a response filed the next business day, namely Monday, August 19, 2002, is considered timely. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.